MINUTES

OF THE

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN ALLENTOWN, IN TRINITY WEEK,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1839.

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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, convened according to a resolution, passed at its session last year in Philadelphia, on Trinity Sunday 1839, at Allentown, Lehigh County.

On Sunday morning the brethren went in procession from the pastorage to the Lutheran church. The Rev'd Dr. Demme, Pres't of the Synod, preached the Synodical sermon, from 1 Tim. III, 15, 16, highly satisfactory to the understanding and beneficial to the heart.—After the Sermon the brethren celebrated the Lords Supper and were confirmed in their faith and love to him, who is the propitiation for our sins. This was for all of us a time of refreshing, from the presence of the Lord. The word of fraternal affection bound us all more closely together. The blessing of this holy supper rested also upon us during the days of our session which followed.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Treasurer, Rev'd Daniel Ulrich, preached from Mat. III. 11, and in the evening the Secretary preached in the English language from 1 Peter II. 9.

In the Presbyterian church Pastor Schaeffer preached from Acts VII. 52, in the morning. In the afternon Pastor Welden, from Tim. IV. 7, and in the evening Pastor Sholl from Mat. XII. 30; all in the English language.

On Saturday evening Pastor Heyer, Missionary at Pittsburg, a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod, edified the christian congregation, preaching from Mat. IV. 17.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SYNODICAL MEETING.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, May 27th 1839.

THE Synod was opened with singing and prayer to God, by the President, for his blessed and gracious guidance in the business in hand. The names of the members were now called:—

Pastor Roeller, Senior	Doctor Demme
J. P. Hecht	Pastor Stein
J. Miller	G. A. Reichart
D. Ulrich	Eyer
W. G. Ernst, absent	Scheurer, absent
W. Batis	J. W. Richards, absent
Mendsen, absent	F. Ruthrauff

Doctor J. C. Baker
Pastor J. P. Hemping
J. P. Schindel, Sen.
Probst, absent
J. D. Gross
Roeller
Benninger, absent
G. Schultze
J. Schuetz, absent
George Mennig, absent
Strein
C. Miller
Stecher
Trumbauer, absent
German
Pastor L. Dietsch
Haesbaert
J. Medtart, absent
Welden
Fuchs
Barnitz
C. W. Schaeffer
Prof'or F. Schmidt
Reynolds, absent
Pastor W. N. Sholl
G. Yaeger
Heilig
Abele, absent
F. Waage
Beilhartz, absent
J. Ruthrauff
J. Bahl
H. S. Miller
C. P. Miller
Kemmerer
J. Jaeger
J. Schindel
Herpel
Peixotto, absent
Finkel, absent
Pastor Sprecher
Minnig
Minner
C. Stoever
D. Kohler
Candidate Huch, absent
Griebler
J. P. Schindel, Jun.
Mueller. absent.
Edward Meyer.

The following gentlemen were acknowledged as delegates of congregations, viz.

Philip Gabler,	Philip Brotzman,	Adam Kattarman,
John Wind,	John Maurer,	Dr. J. Hottenstein,
Philip Boyer, Esq.	Jacob Erdman,	Georg Miller,
John Wertz,	Charles Schade,	Jacob Emry,
Samuel Kamp,	Samuel Poole,	Daniel Klapp,
Samuel Drescher,	Joseph Bierer,	Samuel Koehler,
Fred. Wampold,	Fred. Stoever,	Philip Deily,
Jacob Saeger,	Baltzer Fetterman,	Jonas Trexler,
Jacob Striebig,	Abraham Jacob,	Michael Reuchler,
Andrew Appel,	Daniel Nace,	John Ritter,
John Leisenring.		

Pastor Lochman appeared as the delegate of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and upon resolution of the Synod, was acknowledged as a member of Synod.

Pastor Heyer, Missionary at Pittsburg and member of West Pennsylvania Synod, was also acknowledged as a member of this body.

As Pastor Kohler has taken charge of congregations in the bounds of our Synod, and has requested to be received into our connexion it was:

Resolved, That he be received as a member of this Synod. At the request of Candidate Edward Meyer, to be received as a member, in connexion with us, it was

Resolved, That his request be granted.

Resolved, That Mr. John Leisenring be acknowledged as the delegate from the congregations of Mr. Edward Meyer.

The Synod consisted therefore of 80 members, 49 clergymen & 31 lay delegates. 17 clergymen were absent.

After the Synod had been organized, and according to the Ministerial and Synodical regulations, the time of the officers of last year having expired, an election of new officers was entered into.

The President appointed Messrs Benjamin German and George Miller, judges of the election. After counting of the votes, Pastor German published the result of the election, viz.

Dr. CHARLES DEMME, President.

Pastor FREDERIC RUTHRAUFF, Secretary, and

Dr. J. C. BAKER, Treasurer;

These having been elected by a majority of votes.

The Pastors Zeller and Baker, appeared as Delegates of the German Reformed Synod and were acknowledged as such.

Resolved, That Pastor Helferich of the Reformed and the Rev'd. Mr. Landis of the Presbyterian church, be considered as advisory members of this body.

Resolved, That Prof. Schmidt, have permission to take his seat, in order to make extracts from the minutes of the Synod, for the Evangelical Lutheran "Kirchenzeitung."

Resolved, That Messrs Hecht, J. Miller, Dr. J. C. Baker and Sen. Batis, be appointed a committee, to examine the President's accounts. The names of the ministers and delegates were now called and they requested to hand in papers.

Resolved, That the former examining committee be continued with the addition of Mr. Jacob Miller and Augustus Lochman.

The papers were arranged by the officers and distrbduted among the following committees :—

1st Committee	Pastor Roeller, Sen.	Philip Gabler,
	D. Ulrich,	A. Katterman,
	Strein.	
2d Committee	Batis,	Philip Brotzman,
	J. Miller,	Philip Boyer,
	Haesbaert.	
3d Committee	J. P. Hecht,	Dr. Hottenstein.

	Doctor J. C. Baker,	J. Wertz,
	Pastor Welden.	
4th Committee	Hemping,	J. Wind,
	Schindel, Sen.	J. Maurer,
	Gross.	
5th Committee	B. German,	Jacob Erdman,
	Stecher,	George Miller,
	Schultze.	
6th Committee	F. Waage,	G. Shade,
	Eyer,	Jacob Emry,
	Schaeffer,	
7th Committee	Stein,	Samuel Kamp
	H. S. Miller,	Joseph Bierer,
	Sprecher.	
8th Committee	Pastor Bahl,	C. Koehler, Esq.
	J. Ruthrauff,	F. Wampold,
	Kaemmerer.	
9th Committee	Herpel,	Jacob Saeger,
	J. Schindel.	
10th Committee	Sholl,	Fred. Stoever,
	Barnitz.	
11th Committee	Reichart,	A. Appel,
	Roeller, Jun.	J. Leisenring,
	Cand. E. Meyer.	
12th Committee	Pastor Stoever,	Samuel Drescher,
	Fuchs,	John Ritter,
	Minnig.	

Messrs German, G. Jaeger and A. Boyer were appointed a committee to examine the treasurers account.

The minutes of the following sister synods were handed in, and thankfully received, viz.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.
" " " Virginia.
" " " North Carolina,
" " " West Pennsylvania,
" " " Maryland,— and of the German Reformed Synod of the former and present year; and of the Synod of the far West.

The absence of Messrs Probst, Benninger and Finkel, was excused on account of sickness.

Resolved, That the absence of Messrs Trumbauer, Reichert and C. P. Miller be excused, but that they be advised to read the Synodical rules and in future to act more in accordance with those regulations.

Resolved, That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of last year.

Resolved, That in future the protocol of the former session be read.

Resolved, That Messrs Schindel, Sen., C. Miller, and George Schultze be appointed a committee, to examine the register of the clergymen's names and properly to arrange them.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock P. M.

Senior Batis, concluded with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Pastor A. Lochman opened the session with prayer.

Report of the first Committee.

The first Committee reports, That No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, are letters, from congregations in Berks county, in which mention is made that D. Kohler has been unanimously elected and received as their pastor.

And also that No. 5 is a letter from Pastor D. Kohler, former missionary, in which he makes request to the Rev. Synod for an addition of $70, for missionary services rendered, as he has fallen short that amount.

JOHN GEORGE ROELLER,
DANIEL ULRICH,
J. J. STREIN,
PHILIP GABLER,
ADAM KUTTERMAN.

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Kohler be transferred for decision to the Missionary Society.

Report of the Second Committee.

A lengthy piece of writing has been handed over to this committee, together with a work entitled: "Memorable occurrences in the life of Andrew Bernardus Smolnikar," in two volumes, in which he undertakes to prove that Jesus Christ had appointed and called him, the author, to be an extraordinary ambassador, to unite the nations into one church.— He earnestly requests the Synod, in his address, to aid him in the advancement of his pretended call, and to this end to provide him with the necessary means for defraying the cost of printing the first two volumes, and also to enable him to publish the third.—Concerning this questionable work, your com-

mittee cannot presume to pass an opinion, as it is of too large a size to be read during the session of the Synod.

WILLJAM BATES,
JACOB MILLER,
JOHN HAESBAERT,
PHILIP BOYER,
PHILIP BROTZMAN.

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted and that the Synod add to it the following resolution: —that the Synod regards it as antiscriptural, to believe, that God would now send any person with extraordinary authority, for such a purpose, and that we neither can, nor will enter into the request of Professor Smolnikar.

Report of the Third Committee.

The third committee reports through its president Pastor Hecht, that No. 1, is a letter of recommendation from 6 congregations, of Revd. J. P. Schindel.

No. 2, Is a report of a special conference, held at Germantown, which mentions that G. A. Reichert, was president, and C. W. Schaeffer, secretary. — Moreover the members of that conference express their dissatisfaction as respects the conduct of one of the brethren.

No. 3, Is a petition to the Synod, from Uwchlan township, Chester county, written in the spirit of love, that this Synod might unite itself with the General Synod.

No. 4, Contains a petition of similar import, from members of the church at Lebanon, signed by 79 members.

No. 5, Is a writing to the same purpose, from St. Matthew's, Chester county, signed by the church officers.

No. 6, Is a similar writing from Pikeland township, signed by the church council.

No. 7, Contains a paper of the same import, from Harrisburg, signed by 49 members.

J. P. HECHT,
JOHN G. BAKER,
C. F. WELDEN,
JOHN WERTZ.

Resolved, That this report be accepted by the Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod express its satisfaction, at the favorable testimony of Mr. Schindel, contained in No. 1.

Resolved, That the writing referred to in No. 2, be read.

Resolved, That Mr. Barnitz state, why, after having been invited twice to appear before the conference, he did not appear?

Mr. Barnitz here stated the reasons why he did not appear.

Upon this it was, on motion

Resolved, That the excuse of Mr. Barnitz, concerning his non-appearance at the conference of his district, is not satisfactory and that the president reprove him on account of his conduct.

This was done and Mr. Barnitz acknowledged that he had erred, and expressed his sorrow on account of it.

The question of Union with the General Synod was now discussed and several of the brethren expressed their opinions concerning it.

Upon which it was

Resolved, That we regard it inexpedient, now to unite with the General Synod; but that we request the General Synod, to send each of the brethren a copy of their constitution, and that we request each of our brethren, to make their congregations acquainted with the same and to inform the next Synod of their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with it.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

No. 1. Is a letter, written in the name of the first German Evan. Lutheran congregation at Pittsburg, in which the Synod is requested to aid the above congregation, both by council and action, in the intended erection of a new church.

No. 2. Contains the proceedings of the conference of the sixth district, in which among other things, it is mentioned, that the unpleasant misunderstandings in the Johns congregation in Torbit township, had been adjusted to general satisfaction.

No. 3. Is an offer from the managers of the Free Hall in Allentown, that the Revd. Synod occupy the aforesaid Hall, for divine worship.

No. 4. Contains an excuse from Mr. Ott, delegate of Mr. Barnitz on account of his non-appearance at Synod.

J. N. HEMPING,
J. P. SCHINDEL,
J. B. GROSS,
JOHN WIND,
JOHN MAURER.

Resolved, That the matter mentioned in No. 1, be postponed, till the 6th committee have handed in their report.

Resolved, That the Synod express their satisfaction with the adjustment of the misunderstanding mentioned in No. 2.

Pastor Hess, a member of the German Reformed Synod was here introduced.

Resolved, That we, with thankfulness, decline the offer of the managers of the Free Hall in Allentown.

Resolved, That Mr. Ott's absence be excused.

Resolved, That the absence of Mr. Fuchs be excused.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

No. 1. Is a letter from Mr. Steck, in which he represents to the Synod, his extreme melancholy condition and requests some assistence.

The committee leaves the granting of this request to the President.

No. 2. Is a report of the conference of the 4th district, held at New Holland, Lancaster County.

The committee is of opinion that the aforesaid report should be read before Synod, and that it should be made the serious duty of each district, to hold and attend conferences.

No. 3. Is a letter from H. B. Mueller, in which he mentions, that he has given up his congregations, known by the name of Lobach's congregations, and that he has received a call from Zelienople, for several congregations.—He requests the continuance of his license, and sends his journal and sermons by Conrad Miller, to whom he refers in regard to his moral conduct and his non-appearance at the Synod.

At the same time he makes request to the Rev. Synod, for aid out of their legacy.

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Helferich, reformed preacher, to the president of the Synod, in which he presents the whole condition of the Long Swamp congregation also informs him: that this congregation has held a new election, and has again elected Mr. Griebler as their minister.

No. 5. Is a report of the above mentioned election.

The committee is of opinion, that Mr. Griebler should be permitted to take charge of said congregations; the committee also moves that the letter of Mr. Helferich be read before the Synod.

No. 6. Is a letter of the Dryland congregation to the Reverend Synod, in which they request the Synod to send them a preacher, who shall by no means be in connexion with any of the contending parties. The committee moves that said letter be read before this Synod.

BENJAMIN GERMAN,
HENRY G. STECHER,
GEORGE MILLER,
G. SCHULTZE,
JACOB ERDMAN.

Resolved, That the report of the committee, in reference to Mr. Steck, be adopted.

50 Copies of the proceedings of the Bible Society of Philadelphia, were now handed in and distributed among the brethren of the Synod.

In accordance with the opinion of the committee expressed in No. 2, the report of the conference of 4th district was now read.

Resolved, That the Synod express their joy in reference to the activity, manifested in the 4th district conference, as respects Sunday Schools, Bible classes and missionary efforts.

Resolved, That the absence of Candidate H. P. Mueller, be excused.

The letter mentioned in No. 6, was read.

Upon motion of Mr. Jacob Miller, it was

Resolved, That the Synod is prepared to grant a preacher to the Dryland congregation, as soon as both parties shall be united and make request for one.

Upon motion, permission was granted to brother Reichart to lay before the Synod a matter which seemed to him to be of importance.

Resolved, That the matter just introduced be postponed till to-morrow, and that we now adjourn.

Brother J. P. Schindel closed the session with prayer.

This evening Mr. Edward Meyer preached from 1 Cor. I. 24,25.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The session was opened by singing and prayer by Pastor Hemping.

The Secretary read the protocol of the last session, which was accepted.

The matter of Pastor Reichart, which was brought forward and postponed till to day, was now introduced and discussed.

Upon which it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, and that it be made their business, to take into consideration the expediency of publishing a Church Liturgy, as also the Synodical and Ministerial regulations, in an improved form and to make known their sentiments to the Synod, to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Resolved, That the President, Pastor Hecht and Pastor Schindel, Sen. constitute this Committee.

Report of the Examining Committee.

The examining committee inform the Synod that the following gentlemen have announced themselves for examination, viz.

Wm. Conrad,
Augustus Gockelen,
John Joseph Nielsen.

That they have examined their testimonials and papers and that they recommend William Conrad for examination. The other two gentlemen also have favorable credentials, but we cannot propose them on account of our existing regulations ; but leave it to be decided by the reverend Synod. Respectfully,

JOHN C. BAKER,
WM. BATIS,
J. MILLER,
C. MILLER.

Resolved, That Messrs. Wm. Conrad, Augustus Gockelen and Joseph Nielsen, be admitted to examination.

Rev. Dr. Martin, delegate of the Maryland Synod, was upon motion of Brother Haesbaert, received as advisory member of this body.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account.

The committee to whom was committed the examination of the accounts of the Treasurer, Daniel Ulrich, report that they have examined these and have found them correct.

Balance of the former year for the Missionary Treasury	$412 55
" " " " Synodical Treasury	41 22
	$453 77
Receipts of the past year for the Missionary Treasury	874 50
" " " " Synodical Treasury	195 57½
Total	$1523 84½
Expenditures for the past year for which receipts were produced	1183 67
Remaining this year in the Missionary Treasury	325 72
" " " Synodical Treasury	14 45
Total balance	$340 17

The committee have yet to remark that the following errors were made in the minutes of last year.

Mr. J. P. Schindel paid the Treasurer for the Missionary fund*	$68 00
Mr. Griebler, do.	5 00
" Fuchs paid for the Synodical Treasury	1 00
" Stoever " " "	50

which was not transferred to the printed minutes.

Allentown, May 28th, 1839.

BENJAMIN GERMAN,
G. F. JÆGER,
PHILIP BOYER.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

No. 1. Is a letter from the Church councils of the congregations at Danville, Northumberland and Chilisquaque, in which they mention that they have received Mr. Edward Meyer, candidate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York, as their preacher and at the same time remark that they are entirely satisfied with his conduct and the performance of his ministerial duties, and request the Synod to receive him and moreover express the wish that he may be ordained, and should this wish be granted that he might be installed in his congregations by a committee appointed by the Synod for that purpose.

No. 2. Is a letter of Professor S. S. Schmucker, in the name of the Home Missionary Society, in which he mentions that Brother Heyer had been appointed by said society as their missionary; had laboured several years in the West with especial success, that he had latterly been located at Pittsburg and had there organized two German and one English congregations. He requests the Rev. Synod to take under their protection the German mission at Pittsburg, as the above mentioned society is not well able sufficiently to support both:—viz. the English and the German.

No. 3. Is a letter from Brother Minnig, in which he excuses himself, on account of his absence, assigning sickness as the reason. He also adds a report of his ministerial duties during the past year; he complains of not having recieved the proceedings of last Synod; proposes Pottsville as the place for the next meeting of this body, and remarks, in conclusion, that his son will pay over to the Synod the money received for the Missionary Treasury.

No. 4. Is a letter from the Church Council of the Old Lutheran congregation at Long Swamp, which contains a short and faithful account of the division of that congregation. A request is added

*Remark of the secretary—The Rev. committee did not perceive what is contained upon 17th page of last years minutes.

that the Synod would grant permission to Mr. Charles Augustus Griebler to continue as Pastor of that congregation, as they are satisfied with him.

FREDERIC WAAGE,
WM. F. EYER,
C. W. SCHÆFFER,
CHARLES SCHADE,
JACOB EMRY.

That as we consider it highly important that the First German Congregation, which was organized at Pittsburg, about two years since, should be permanently established, Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the Missionary Society, if they find it advisable, take this congregation under their care.

2. That it be recommended to Rev. Pastor Heyer, the present minister of said congregations, to make application to the congregations that are in connexion with this Synod, for assistance, for the accomplishment of the design of building a church in Pittsburg.

3. That the ministers, elders and deacons, be requested to assist Pastor Heyer, energetically in an undertaking, so important for the interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Resolved, That the absence of Mr. George Minnig be excused and that the secretary send him the proceedings of the Synod of last year.

Resolved, That it be granted to Mr. Griebler to continue to preach in the congregation mentioned in No. 4, in case his license be renewed by the Ministerium and that the Synod by no means appprove, that the minority of the members of a congregation, should form a new congregation, in case of small circumstances which are not matters of conscience.

Resolved, That we now adjourn, that the Missionary Society may have a session.

Pastor Baker of the German Reformed Church closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Pastor Gross opened the session with prayer.

The protocol was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Reichert, Rev. D. Miller, a member of the N. York Synod, was introduced.

Resolved, That permission be granted to Dr. Hottenstein to absent himself from the Synod.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

No. 1. Is a letter from the congregation in McKeansburg, Schuylkill county, in which the Synod is requested to grant them from 50 to 75 dollars out of the legacy, designed for the use of needy congregations.

No. 2. Is a letter from Brother Abele, in which he acquaints the Synod, that he has left his former congregations, in Centre county, and moved to Williamsport and there commenced an Apothecary and Grocery, in order to obtain a support. But he nevertheless hopes that he may be able to form a congregation there and be made instrumental in accomplishing good—and begs that his absence may be excused.

No. 3. Is a letter of Professor Schmidt, addressed to the President of the Synod, Dr. Demme, in reference to the affairs of the "Kirchenzeitung."

JOHN STEIN,
SAMUEL CAMP,
JOSEPH BIERER,
SAMUEL DRESHER,
H. S. MILLER.

Resolved, That in reference to the request mentioned in No. 1. nothing can be done, as mere grants have already been made than there is money on hand.

Resolved, That Mr. Abele's absence be excused, but that the Synod advise him to abandon that part of his business, that must prove injurious to his character and influence as a christian preacher.

The letter of Professor Schmidt, mentioned in No. 3, was here read by himself. Upon which it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take the matter of the Kirchenzeitung into consideration. The committee appointed for this purpose, consists of Messrs. Schindel, Sen., D. Kohler and Sæger.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the President.

We the undersigned, the committee appointed by the Synod to examine the accounts of the President, report herewith, that we found the same entirely correct.

JOHN P. HECHT,
JOHN C. BAKER,
J. MILLER,
WILLIAM BÆTIS.

Report of the Committee in reference to the business of the Kirchenzeitung.

We have the satisfaction to inform the Synod, that we have it in our power to respond to the request of Professor Schmidt, in reference to a loan of $500 for the support of the Lutheran Kirchenzeitung.

J. P. SCHINDEL,
D. KOHLER,
JACOB SÆGER.

J. P. Schindel, of Sunbury, promises	$100 00
Jacob Sæger, of Allentown, promises	100 00
Daniel Kohler, of Oley, promises	100 00
Wm. Bætis, of Lancaster, promises	100 00
Joshua Jæger, of Allentown, promises	100 00

Resolved, That we adjourn till to-morrow at 9 o'clock.
Pastor Stecher made the concluding prayer.

This evening Brother Hecht edified the christian congregation, having preached from Mat. VIII. 7.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

This days session was opened by prayer, by Pastor G. Jæger.

The protocol was read by the Secretary, and after correction by the Synod, was accepted.

Resolved, That the absence of Pastor Strein and of Mr. Striebig be excused.

The committee, whose duty it was made to take into consideration the expediency of publishing a new edition of our Liturgy and also of our Synodical and Ministerial regulations, in an improved form, respectfully report:—

That they regard both as desirable and the latter as necessary, and move therefore that a committee be appointed to whom this business be entrusted.

J. P. SCHINDEL,
C. R. DEMME,
JOHN P. HECHT.

Resolved, That this report be adopted and that a committee of five be appointed to consist of the following persons, viz: Dr. Demme, Dr. J. C. Baker, Pastor John P. Hecht, Pastor J. Miller and Pastor J. P. Schindel, Sen.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Synod, inform the other Synods which use our liturgy that we have appointed a committee

to improve and enlarge our liturgy and invite them to take part in this measure; in which case our committee be charged to co-operate with them for the attainment of this object.

A letter from some of the members of the Goshenhoppen congregation being read, it was

Resolved, That this letter be given to a special committee, to hear the complaints mentioned in it, and then to make report to the Synod in reference to the matter.

The committee appointed for this purpose, consists of John P. Hecht, J. P. Schindel, Eyer, Abraham Jacob and Sager.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

The 8th committee has the honor to report:

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. George M. Mertz, of Boston, in which he deplores the necessity of separating himself from this Synod and of uniting himself with a sister Synod, because his congregation had at an earlier date united itself with the New York Synod, and therefore requests his dismissal from this Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from candidate H. P. Muller, in which he

1st. Informs the Synod that he had accepted a call from the Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Alleghenytown.

2d. That Brother C. Miller would hand over to Synod a report of his ministerial acts.

3d. He begs for a renewal of his license.

No. 3. Is a letterfrom the Church councils of thec ongregations of Strasburg, Columbia and Conestoga, in which they pray to be excused for not sending a delegate to the Synod this year, and give as the reason their distance.

No. 4. Is a letter from Jared Schuetz, in which he informs the Synod

1st. That his congregations, lying near Muncy, in Lycoming county, are vacant, as he is about to remove to the northern part of Illinois.

2d. He prays the Synod to provide the said congregations with a preacher, that can preach in both languages.

3d. He prays for credentials, that he has been a regular member of the Pennsylvania Synod.

No. 5 and 6, contain

1st. The proceedings of a meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation of St. Paul's Church, in Lower Marion, in which they accuse Mr. Barnitz of want of fidelity, as respects his promise, before the Synod of last year, and contempt of the rights of the members.

2d. A letter from Mr. Kugler, in which he notifies Mr. Barnitz, that he would bring the above charges before the Synod.

3d. They beg the Synod to participate in the interests of the congregation, that peace and union may be restored.

The committee is of opinion, that as they are not sufficiently acquainted with these circumstances, that a special committee should be appointed, who might examine and rectify the matter in the presence of both parties.

ISAIAH BAHL,
J. RUTHRAUFF,
WM. B. KAEMERER,
F. WAMPOLD,
CHARLES KOHLER.

Resolved, That an honorable dismissal be granted to Brother Mertz, by this Synod and that we desire that he may experience the blessings of God in his new sphere of labor.

Resolved, That the request mentioned in No. 3, be granted to the congregation.

Resolved, That the charges of Mr. Charles Kugler, against Mr. Barnitz, be given over to a special committee of five for examination—the committee to consist of Messrs. Bætis, Haesbert, Sprecher, and the delegates George Miller and Jacob Emry.

Report of the Ninth Committee.

The committee reports: That they found nothing in the proceedings of the Synod of Ohio, that had special reference to our body. The officers of the Ohio Synod, are G. H. Weygandt, President, J. J. Fast, Secretary, and M. Kuchler, Treasurer.

In the proceedings of the German Reformed Church of 1838, your committee find nothing that has further reference to this Synod, than that they have appointed Messrs. J. C. Baker and D. Zeller, delegates to this body.

From the minutes of the Synod of last year, it appears that the following committees have to report.

1st. The committee to whom it was given in charge to examine the Protocol of the Synod from the year 1824, to the present time and to compare all the resolutions passed since that time with the ministerial regulations and to add the most important to them—this committee consists of Messrs. F. Ruthrauff, H. S. Miller and Dr. Heckel.

2d. The committee of the Synod which was to be continued, in case that during the course of the past Synodical year, further difficulties should occur in the congregation in Lower Marion, this committee consists of Messrs. F. Ruthrauff, G. A. Reichert and C. W. Schæffer.

3d. The committee that was appointed to ordain Messrs. Scholl and J. C. Duy. This committee consists of Messrs. J. P. Hecht, John Ruthrauff and F. Ruthrauff.

M. HERPEL,
J. SCHINDEL,
JACOB SÆGER.

The Secretary gave the reasons why the committee mentioned in No. 1. would not fulfil their commission, the Synod was satisfied with them.

In the matter of the Lower Marion Congregation mentioned in No. 2, the committee would do nothing, as their services were not accepted.

The commission referred to in No. 3, was fulfilled in October 1838, in Germantown, in the English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Report of the Tenth Committee.

The 10th committee to whom were handed the proceedings of the Synod of Maryland, North Carolina, the West and Virginia, for examination, beg leave to report the following.

The Synod of Maryland convened at Cumberland, October 8th, 1838. The officers are :—

The Rev. B. KURTZ, D. D. President,
Rev. J. KEHLER, Secretary,
Rev. J. P. CLINE, Treasurer.

This Synod is very active in the cause of Christ and does much towards the extension of his kingdom. They feel a lively interest in the cause of Education, Missions and Temperance, and are in the habit of preaching yearly upon these and other important subjects.

The Education Society was reorganized and united itself as auxiliary to the Parent Society. They contribnted during the course of the past year more than $1000 for benevolent purposes.

The Synod of North Carolina, met in Wythe county, Va. May 12th, 1838. The officers are :—

Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, President,
Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary,
Mr. MATHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

The minutes of this Synod prove that these brethren are active in the spread of the gospel, and they are encouraged by the brightening prospects of the church, in the bounds of their Synod. The Seminary is in a flourishing condition and has already been productive of blessed results for that and other parts of the church—they have under consideration a resolution to erect a building for the Seminary.

The Synod of the West, held their session at Corydon, Harrison county, Indiana.

The officers are :—

Rev. WM. JENKINS, President,
Rev. GEORGE YEAGER, Secretary,
Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY, Treasurer.

The number of ministers of this Synod is increasing, and although there are many obstacles, the brethren are not discouraged; for their trust is in the Lord. In order the more effectually to promote the glory of God, they organized a Missionary Society, at this session of Synod.

The Synod of Virginia, convened at Madison Court-house, May 21st 1838.

The officers are :—

Rev. J. B. DAVIS, President,
Rev. S. STORK, Secretary,
Rev. S. MILLER, Treasurer.

This Synod, which for two years had been in a disorganized state, has again been reorganized and promises well.

WM. N. SCHOLL,
CHARLES BARNITZ,
FR. STŒVER.

Resolved, That this report be accepted and entered upon the minutes.

Report of the Eleventh Committee.

The 11th committee begs leave to present the following report, in reference to the papers given for examination.

No. 1. Is a letter from the elders and deacons of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Rising Sun, in which they mention that they have formed themselves into a congregation, have prepared a place for worship and have in the mean time been visited by the neighboring clergymen; but now pray the Synod for help, through the instrumentality of an acting missionary or the neighborhood of Philadelphia—and request Rev. Dr. Demme and Pastor Reichert to impart further information to the Synod, in reference to this matter.

No. 2. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Beilhartz of Fayette, N. York, in which he begs to be excused on account of the great distance, sends $8 00 for the Synodical and $2 00 for the Missionary Treasury, and requests that the Secretary may in the minutes add to his name, Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y., in order to avoid error.

The committee move that Mr. Beilhartz be excused.

No. 3. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Peixotto, in which he begs that his absence may be excused, as the travelling expenses would be too great for him, prays that the Synod may be divinely assisted and reports his ministerial acts.

The committee proposes that Mr. Peixotto be excused.

G. A. REICHERT,
RŒLLER, Jr.
EDWARD MEYER,
APPEL.

Resolved, That the business of the congregation at Rising Sun, be committed to the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the absence of Brother Peixotto be excused.

Report of the Twelfth Committee.

The 12th committee has the honor to report.

No. 1. Is a letter from Professor Reynolds in which he begs that the Synod may excuse his absence, he gives excess of business at Gettysburg as the reason of his non appearance at Synod—he also begs to be excused on account of his non-appearance as delegate to the New York Synod, as he was informed of his appointment at too late a period.

No. 2. Is a letter signed by a number of members of the congregations in Lycoming county; they pray that the Synod may as soon as possible send them a minister who can preach in both languages, and they promise him a sufficient support.

No. 3. Is a letter from Mr. Jared Schuetz, in which he thanks the president for answering his letter, but nevertheless informs him, that his letter had been misunderstood by the President, if he supposes, that he (Mr. Schuetz) had applied for dismission—but in the latter part of his letter he desires that the Rev. President might send, him soon after the adjournment of this Synod, the paper mentioned in a former letter, he also sends the report of his ministerial acts :—Baptized 125, Confirmed 52, Buried 25.

No. 4. Is a letter from the coloured preacher Jehu Jones, in which he complains bitterly on account of the non-fulfilment of the promise formerly given him. The committee thinks that this letter should be read before Synod.

C. F. STŒVER,
WM. G. MNENIG,
G. HEILIG,
SAML. DRECHSLER.

Resolved, That Professor Reynolds be excused.

Resolved, That permission be granted to any of the brethren in our connexion, to visit and take charge of the congregations in Lycoming county.

Resolved, That Mr. Jared Schuetz has been a member of our body, but that we cannot grant him favorable testimonials, as a charge that has been preferred makes an examination necessary.

Resolved, That we now adjourn till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Pastor G. A. Reichert offered the prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

Wednesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Pastor Ulrich besought the Lord for his blessing at the opening of this session.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were accepted.

A letter from the coloured preacher, Jehu Jones of Philadelphia, was read.

After a long discussion in reference to the contents and the petition of this letter, it was

Resolved, That the Synod holds itself bound to pay one hundred dollars towards the liquidation of the debt of the church of St. Paul's, in Philadelphia, as soon as others shall be found, who shall be willing to make up the balance for the redemption of the church.

The committee, to whom were committed for examination, the difficulties existing between both parties of St. Paul's church, Lower Marion, begs leave to report for the deliberation of the Synod, the following preamble and resolutions.

As the disputing parties had, at the last session of this Synod, sacredly pledged themselves, forthwith, to resign their offices in the Board of Trustees of said church, in order that a new Board of Trustees might be legally elected and thus restore peace; nevertheless as one of the above mentioned parties of the Board of Trustees afterwards refused to comply and has to this time neglected to fulfil thier sacred promise, by their unwillingness to resign; and as furthermore, the other party which is here represented by Mr. Charles Kugler, before your committee, made the offer to comply with the promise above mentioned, and is yet willing to fulfil it.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Synod experience the deepest sorrow, because the promised resignation has not occurred, and earnestly admonish the party that has heretofore refused to fulfil its sacred promise, at once, and without fail to resign their station in the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the party that has thus far been and is yet willing that the promise should be kept, be also affectionately admonished to endeavor by all kind and christian means, to remove all reasonable hindrances for the fulfilment of the promise by the other party.

Resolved, That it be made the sacred duty of the Rev. C. Barnitz, the Pastor of said congregation, as member of this Synod, to exert himself that the original promise of both parties may be immediately and entirely carried out.

WM. BÆTIS,
J. HAESBERT,
S. SPRECHER.

Resolved, That the report above read, be accepted.

Pastor Sprecher offered the following motion: As it has always been the wish of this Synod to maintain the most friendly relations with the different branches of the large German family in the United States.

And as the Rev. Mr. Stephanus of Dresden, in Saxony, together with his congregation, has chosen this land of civil and religious liberty, as a home and have settled in Missouri.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Demme be requested to address a letter to Rev. Mr. Stephanus and his congregation and make him acquainted with the views, intentions and operations of this Synod of the Lutheran church in general, and to request information in reference to theirs.

Resolved, That we now adjourn and that the Missionary Society have a meeting to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Pastor Welden closed the session with prayer.

This evening the annual celebration of the Missionary Society of this Synod was held—the report of the executive committee was read by Dr. Baker, and two addresses delivered, the one in the German language by Brother Hæsbert, the other in the English language by Brother Schæffer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That the absence of Messrs. G. A. Reichert, J. Ruthrauff and John Wertz be excused.

Resolved, That we recommend to the brethren, to meet annually, once in their conference districts.

Resolved, That in case the Synod should meet in future, upon the Thursday preceding Trinity Sunday, at least one day shall be devoted to the cause of missions.

Resolved, That the congregation in which the Synod shall in future meet, be requested to grant the Missionary Society the privilege of holding a collection for the benefit of the Society.

Resolved, That the committee to whom were entrusted the affairs of the Frey's Institute, at Middletown, be continued, so that if circumstances should occur requiring their services, they may act in them.

Resolved, That Mr. Jared Schuetz, be required to appear at the next Synod, that he may exculpate himself from certain charges preferred against him and in case he should not, his name shall no more be continued upon the ministerial list.

Resolved, That the report of the committee appointed to examine and rectify the ministerial list, be accepted.

That as it is the opinion of this Synod, that the Synodical discourse of this year, has special reference to the wants of the times and is calculated to effect much good, whenever it shall be known and therefore should be much circulated, so be it

Resolved, That the Rev. President be requested to furnish a copy of it in the German, as also in the English language, and that 700 copies of it be printed in the first and 300 in the latter language. Further be it

Resolved, That each minister be requested to subscribe for a certain number of copies and to sell these, and that the proceeds thereof be placed in the Missionary Treasury.

The committee appointed to hear and decide in reference to the charges of certain members of the Goshenhoppen Evangelical Lutheran congregation, against the Rev. Mr. Waage, presents the following report:

That the following members of said congregation appeared before your committee, viz: Michael Ritter, Peter Hust and John Black, and after having heard and questioned all of them, your committee came to the following conclusion that the charges of the witnesses, have reference principally to the unguarded conduct of Mr. Waage, having, as they say, *denied* upon *one* occasion what he had *said* at *another*. The committe is therefore of the opinion, that the Synod advise the dissatisfied of *both* parties, that they study to maintain peace and warmly recommend to Brother Waage, circumspection in his language.

J. P. SCHINDEL,
J. P. HECHT,
WM. J. EYER,
JACOB SAEGER,
ABM. JACOB.

Allentown, May 29th, 1839.

Resolved, That this report be definitely adopted.

Resolved, That Brother Hemping and his delegate, as also Brother Eyer, have permission to absent themselves from Synod.

Resolved, That the absence of Mr. Gross be excused.

Resolved, That a new committee be appointed, to hear a charge brought against Mr. Waage, and to examine whether it be of such consequence as shall require its being brought before the Synod.

Messrs. Haesbert, H. S. Miller, Jer. Schindel, Erdman and Fr. Wampold, were appointed upon this committee.

Resolved, That we now adjourn.

Brother Haesbert made the concluding prayer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Thursday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Pastor Kœhler, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Protzman was permitted to absent himself.

The committee appointed to hear the charge of Mr. C. Miller against Mr. Waage, reports as follows:—

That the committee is of opinion, that said charge is of sufficient importance to be investigated by the Ministerium.

J. HAESBERT,
J. SCHINDEL,
H. S. MILLER,
J. ERDMAN,
FRED. WAMPOLD.

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted without any alterations.

Resolved, That the President be our delegate to New York Synod, and Pastor Sprecher his alternate.

Resolved, That Pastor Hecht be appointed our delegate to Maryland Synod, and J. P. Schindel, Jr. his alternate.

Resolved, That Pastor Haesbert be our delegate to West Pennsylvania Synod.

Resolved, That Dr. Demme and Pastor G. A. Reichert are appointed our delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed church.

Resolved, That this year also, the usual number of the minutes of our Synod, be printed in the German and English language and that permission be granted to the Missionary Society, to append their proceedings to them, in case they will pay their part of the expenses.

Resolved, That 40 copies of our minutes be granted to Pastor Haesbert.

Resolved, That the usual number of our minutes be sent to the sister Synods, with which we are connected.

Resolved, That brothers Hecht, German and Schmidt, be a committee for the publication of the Synodical sermon of the Rev. Dr. Demme.

Resolved, That the ministers and others, who desire to have the sermon, be requested to inform the committee of the number of copies they wish to take.

Resolved, That information be given to the brethren and others, through the medium of the Kirchenzeitung and the Observer.

The Synod now held an election for the time and place of our next annual meeting.

An invitation was given to the Synod, by Rev. J. P. Schindel to meet at Sunbury.

Messrs. Kemmerer and Bahl were appointed judges of the election.

After counting the votes, it appeared that *Sunbury was the place, and the Thursday before Trinity Sunday,* 1840, the time for our Synodical meeting.

As the business of the Synod had now ended, the session was closed with prayer by senior Bætis.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Report of the Examining Committee.

The examining committee has the honor to report, that they have examined Messrs. Conrad, Gockelen and Nuelson, in Exegesis, Dogmatics, Ethics and Church History—The first two also in the Greek language, and recommend all of them to be received into the Ministerium.

JOHN C. BAKER,
H. MULLER,
JOHN P. HECHT,
WM. BÆTIS,
C. MILLER.

Resolved, That Mr. William Conrad be received into the Ministerium as a candidate.

Resolved, That Mr. Nuelson, be also received, as a candidate into the Ministerium.

Resolved, That Mr. Gockelen be also received as a candidate into the Ministerium.

Resolved, That license be granted to the brethren, who have been received as candidates, as soon as they shall have received a call from congregations, or an appointment as missionaries.

Report of Mr. W. Bætis, concerning the journal and sermon of candidate H. P. Miller, in which he says that the sermon is satisfactory, but not the journal.

Report of Mr. J. P. Hecht, in reference to the sermon and journal of candidate J. P. Schindel—both are good.

Report of the same, concerning the sermon and journal of candidate C. A. Griebler, the sermon is very good and the journal neat and entertaining.

Resolved, That Messrs. candidate Edward Meyer, Charles Augustus Griebler and John P. Schindel, be ordained this evening.

Resolved, That Messrs. Conrad, Nuelson and Gockelen, receive this evening, their license as candidates.

Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. W. Conrad to accept the call from the congregation at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county.

Resolved, That we will not receive into our connexion any person, who shall preach in the district of a minister in our connexion, without his permission.

Resolved, That the candidates be reminded, that it is their duty

to hand over to the President, their sermons and journals, on the first day of their appearance at Synod.

The business of Messrs. C. Miller and Waage, that was postponed to the ministerium was now brought up.

Upon motion of Brother Haesbert, it was

Resolved, That if Pastor Waage can give Mr. C. Miller, before the ministerium, a satisfactory explanation, permission be now granted him to do so.

After a short but calm conversation between the two brethren, Fr. Waage and C. Miller, the former acknowledged that he, in his publication, had done Mr. C. Miller injustice in his assertion, that his oath had been refused and that he was heartily sorry for it. With this acknowledgment Mr. C. Miller, confessed that he was satisfied, as Mr. Waage declared he had been led into it by a misapprehension of the matter.

Now we all bowed upon our knees in the presence of God, with hearts deeply affected, and the President concluded with a heart-felt and soul-stirring prayer to God, for the covering of all our errors, for his gracious guidance in future, for his blessing upon our proceedings and congregations and for reception into everlasting bliss, through Jesus Christ.

This evening we assembled in the church, and after Pastor Schultz had delivered a very impressive and evangelical discourse from Romans VIII. 14, the sacred rite of ordination was entered upon.

The Rev. President standing at the altar, called before him the candidates John Peter Schindel, Edward Meyer and Charles Augustus Griebler, who after a hearing of their duties, made known to them by the President, knelt and were solemnly inducted into the pastoral office by prayer and the laying on of hands of the officers of the Synod.

The applicants were then called forward. The President read to them the duties devolving upon them as candidates, and in consequence of their solemn promise to act as faithful stewards of the ministry of the gospel, received authority to preach and administer the holy sacraments.

Our meeting this year, in the beautiful borough of Allentown, was in general a pleasant and, in many respects, an important one. Immediately upon the commencement of our common worship of God, in the contemplation of his word and the publication of the death of Jesus, in partaking of the Lords Supper, our Gracious Father in Heaven, imparted to us his quickening blessing, which also remained with us and guided us during our meeting.

Yet it is to be deplored that this year also, our joy was diminished by misunderstandings existing in congregations and between

brethren, which are, as it is to be hoped, now adjusted forever. May our merciful Father sanctify us all through his truth, that we may be one, as *He* is in Jesus, and Jesus is in *Him*, that the world may believe that the Father has sent Jesus, as a Saviour and Redeemer. And then only can we hope that our labors in the church of Jesus, will be instrumental in the salvation of many, when we exhibit in our life consecrated to God and in our mutual love, the sanctifying operation of the truth.

That the foregoing was done in the Synodical and Ministerial Session held at Allentown, Lehigh county, in Trinity week 1839, is testified by

FREDERIC RUTHRAUFF,

Secretary of the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

A Statement of the names of the Parochial labors and the contributions of the ministers to the Synodical and Missionary Treasury this year.

Names of ministers.	Residence and Post Office.	Con.	Baptized	Conf.	Commun.	Bur.	Schools Com.	Schools Sun.	Synodical Treasury.	Miss. Treasury
Pastor J. G. Kœhler	Sumneytown	3	103	45	451	31	3		$2 00	$2 00
J. P. Hecht	Easton, Northampton	1	121	33	507	31		1	5 00	5 00
J. Miller	Reading	5	~~217~~	53	634	~~76~~	5	1	5 03	
D. Ulrich	Stouchstown, Lebanon	6	134	99	960	34	6			
W. G. Ernst	Lebanon	2	48	36	220	13	2		3 00	3 00
Senior Baetis	Lancaster	2	33		232	15	1		4 25	9 25
Pastor Meendson	Kreidersville									
Dr. J. C. Baker	Lancaster	1	122	24	325	54		2	10 00	22 70
Pastor J. P. Hemping	Berrysburg	8	154	109	924	27	6		4 00	7 25
J. P. Schindel	Sunbury	8	195	177	1684	25			5 00	12 00
J. A. Probst	Easton	5								
George Mennig	Bernville	4	112		229	24	4			6 50
J. J. Strein	Lancaster	4	75	18	246	22		1		6 50
C. Miller	New Hanover, Mont'ry.	6	160	154	1540	53	6	2	10 00	11 00
H. Stecher	Hummelstown, Dauphin	4	70	57	583	36	4		6 00	2 50
S. Trumbauer	Leacock, Lancaster	4	131	45	482	37	4	1	11 37	
B. German	Allentown, Lehigh	4	141	101	1122	22	4		14 21	20 00
Dr. Demme	Philadelphia	1	289	46	1171	124	4	3	43 95	260 00
Pastor John Stein	Jonestown, Lebanon	7	145	60	800	48	7		1 41	10 00
G. A. Reichert	Philadelphia		*Vide*	Dr.	Demme's		ministerial		acts	
Fr. Ruthrauff	Kimberton, Chester	5	21	36	547	14		3	5 22	50 00

		Con.	Baptized	Conf.	Commun.	Bur.	Shools Com.	Shools Sun.	Synodical Treasury.	Miss. Treasury
G. Yeager	Hamburg, Pa.	8	145	65	927	50	8	2		
George Heilig	Centre Square, Mont'ry	2								
Abele	Williamsport									
Fr. Waage	Goshenhoppen	4	40		412	24	2			
J. W. Eyer	Catawissa, Columbia	4	87	19	481	27		2	5 00	15 00
P. Scheurer	Abbotstown, Adams									
J. W. Reichert	Germantown	1	70	28	415	40		2		30 00
Beilhartz	Fayette, Seneca, N. Y.	4	41	10	229	6	1		2 00	8 00
J. Ruthrauff	Lebanon	4	83	24	400	45	2	3	8 00	8 00
J. Bahl	Berwick	7	110	54	437	30		1	2 00	
H. S. Miller	Trappe, Montgomery	5	83	88	676	41		2	4 25	21 00
C. P. Miller	Brickersville, Lancaster	4								
Kemmerer	Richland, Bucks	4	86	37	630	29	4		3 00	3 00
Joseph Jeager	Allentown	3	139	67	768	55	3	1		24 00
J. D. Gross	Snydersville, North.	6	81	70	321	19			5 42	
J. Roeller jr.	Kutztown	7	158	111	905	41	7		5 62	8 00
Benninger	Cunningham									
G. Schultz	Williamsport	6	110	30	410	9		1		
J. Schuetz	Black Hole, Lycoming		125	52	456	25				
Jer. Schindel	Kerns, Lehigh	6	142	50	1099	34	6		5 00	15 00
M. Harpel	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill	5	52	32	440	13	3		3 50	10 00
E. Piexotto	Blockhouse		44	17	106	9		3		
S. D. Finkel	Middletown, Dauphin									
L. Ditzsch	New Hanover, Mont'ry									

	J. Haesbert	Baltimore, Md.	1	125	32	725	47	1	1	5 00	82 00
	J. Medtart	Blairsville									
	C. W. Welden	Bucksville, Bucks	5	77	56	622	35			5 00	15 00
	A. Fuchs	Bath, Northampton	3	112	50	274	14			1 00	1 00
	C. Barnitz	Lower Marion, Mont'ry	1	5	2	73	5		1		2 78
	C. Schæffer	Barren Hill, Mont'ry	2	36	15	208	27		2	2 00	25 00
Prof.	F. Schmidt	Easton									5 00
	W. Reynolds	Gettysburg, Adams									
Pastor	W. Scholl	Germantown	1	31	9	100	18		1		28 00
	S. Sprecher	Harrisburg	1	83	24	295	23		1	5 00	
	W. Mennig	Friedensburg, Schuylkill	8	157	75	551	33	8	1		30 50
	E. Minner,										
	C. F. Stœver	Milton	7	41	44	515	15	3	1	2 00	10 00
	D. Kohler	Kutztown	4	28	34	220	8	2		2 00	5 00
	C. A. Griebler	Long Swamp, Berks	1	13	3	33	5	1			5 00
	J. Schindel		4	158	105	633	14	4	1	6 00	12 00
	Ed. Meyer	Danville	3	10	4	30	3		2		5 00
Cand.	Hursch										
	H. P. Muller	Allegheneytown									
			204	4490	2185	24916	1309	107	44	187 80	776 98

Fr. Wampold presented to the Missionary Society 5 00. Susanna Wampold 1 00 6 00

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N. B.—Of the $260 paid in by the Philadelphia Missionary Society, $200 are for the Heathen and $60 for the West. The $28 of Pastor Scholl's Sunday School are to be applied to the Palamacotta mission.

The following are the Societies that have been formed in the different congregations of the Synod.

J. W. Richards congregation:

1 Female Missionary and Education Society.
1 Sunday School Society.
1 Infant School Society.
1 Poor Society.

J. Ruthrauffs congregation:

1 Education Society.
1 Missionary Society.

H. S. Millers congregations:

The Muhlenburg Society.

E. Peixotto, 1 Missionary Society,
C. F. Stoever 1 Bible class.

PROCEEDINS

OF

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

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OF

PENNSYLVANIA.

1839.

Proceedings of the Missionary Society.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 29, 1839.

The members of this Society met in the Lutheran church in Allentown, for the celebration of their anniversary.

This evening especially the church was occupied by a large number of attentive christians, who all united in singing and prayer before the Lord.

The report of the Executive committee, and of the Missionary, Mr. Wynecken, were read by Doctor Baker. After this deeply impressive addresses were delivered in the German by Pastor Haesbert, and in the English by Pastor C. W. Schaeffer. Yes, these addresses were deeply impressive and they strengthened the brethren and encouraged them to depend upon the support of the Lord, in future to labor more faithfully and perseveringly and efficiently for the propagation of the gospel of peace and to do their part in hastening on the blissful time, in which all nations and tongues of the North and the South, the East and the West, shall unite to praise God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Upon this the following motions were proposed by Professor Schmidt, for discussion and adoption.

Resolved, With feelings of heartfelt gratitude, we acknowledge the blessing of the Lord, by which he has consecrated our feeble efforts for the glorification of his name, so will we, his servants, promise as in his immediate presence, that on our part, we will in future labor more faithfully, efficiently, conscientiously and earnestly, for this the highest of all objects: Therefore be it further

Resolved, That we hold collections in every congregation for the Missionary Treasury, form auxiliary missionary societies, and earnestly request the congregations in general to make collections for missionary objects.

Resolved, That as the Lord will hear the prayers of his people, it be earnestly recommended to all ministers and members of churches, as their sacred duty, to beseech the Lord and call upon him that he might not withhold his blessing from the efforts and exertions of his people, for the propagation of the religion of Jesus, at home and abroad, but that he might richly bless the missionary societies of all different churches and prosper their labors. Amen!

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Prayer and singing followed and the congregation was dismissed with the blessing of the Lord.

In the different sessions which the Missionary Society held, during the Synod, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the officers of last year be re-elected: these are

Pastor BÆTIS, President,
" C. MILLER, Secretary.

For the Executive Committee for the following year, were elected Bætis, Baker, Sprecher, H. S. Miller, Hæsbert, G. A. Reichert, C. Hæger and Heinitsh.

A letter was laid before the Missionary Society, by Professor Schmidt, in which it is mentioned that the missionaries of the former missionary station of Rhenius, had returned to the Church Missionary Society. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee wait in reference to the mission among the heathen, until something further be heard from the East Indies.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall have permission to aid the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Pittsburg, in case they feel themselves able so to do, after their principal object has been fulfilled.

Resolved, That $35 be granted to Mr. Daniel Kohler, our former missionary, out of the missionary treasury.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee send one, and if the funds permit, two missionaries to the West.

Resolved, That we can do nothing as respects Mr. John Jones, who has tendered his services as missionary.

Resolved, That brothers Richards and Scholl be requested, alternately to attend to the congregation at Rising Sun, preaching to them in the German language, and that we promise to give each of them for his services $50, but in case that one of them should take charge of this congregation, to give him $75, and request the congregation to make up by private contribution, whatever balance there may be.

Resolved, That a delegate be sent from this Society to the meeting of the Home Missionary Society, which is to take place at Chambersburg, and that Pastor Sprecher be the delegate.

Resolved, That the report of Mr. Wynecken and of the Executive Committee, together with the above resolutions be printed, and be appended to our Synodical minutes and that the expenses incurred be paid out of the treasury of this society.

Remarks were also made in reference to the necessity and advantages of an Education Society, for the educating of young men for the ministry, but this matter was postponed to our next annual meeting.

That the above was transacted, testifies

C. MILLER, Secretary.

REPORT

Of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Synod of Pennsylvania, containing brother Wynecken's Report.

The Executive Committee has the honor to lay before the Missionary Society, the following report of their operations.

After the last annual meeting of the society, the committee looked out for a missionary, for they did not imagine, much less was it told them, that brother Kohler desired to be again sent out, but rather concluded from his behaviour that he had resolved to take charge of congregations in East Pennsylvania.

The committee was not in the habit of sending out the missionaries before the month of September, as they had been informed, that if they went earlier, they would arrive at the field of their labor in the most sickly part of the year, and would be in danger of becoming sick, or would be much cramped in their labors on account of sickness generally prevailing. In the month of August last, brother Wynecker, who had just arrived from Germany was highly recommended to them. The committee invited him to Lancaster and as they had found him to be a man, whom they believed to be especially qualified for the important work of a missionary, they took him into their service. He commenced his journey in the latter part of the month of August, and although Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, were pointed out to him as the place of labor, he could not forbear to stop a week in different German settlements in Allen and Putnam counties, Ohio, where he labored with great success. Thence he travelled to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and because that congregation had lost their worthy Pastor, Mr. Hoover, by his death, they constrained him to become their stationed minister. They also wrote to the committee and gave them permission to keep brother Wynecker. In the meantime this brother had visited several German settlements in the north of Indiana ahd Michigan and organized several congregations, which he wishes to have provided with a capable minister. We were concerned that his desire might be fulfiled, but on account of the great want of ministers this had not yet occurred. For the same reason also, we could not place another missionary in the field. Brother C. W. Wolff declined the call, to become the successor of brother Wynecker, and another brother, Mr. Emanual Frey of York, who had given us the hope of entering our service was prevented by sickness. We hope that the society will not only send out another missionary, but will also be concerned, that the congregations formed by brother Wynecken may be provided with a worthy teacher as soon as possible.

We cannot omit testifying our entire satisfaction with brother Wynecker. He has merited the thanks of the committee and of the entire church, on account of his disinterestedness, honesty and fidelity; it also appears that his labors have been crowned with a great blessing. The Lord be with him in his new sphere of labor and make him an instrument in his hands of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth and to godliness.

We now communicate brother Wynecker's report:—

FORT WAYNE, February 25, 1839.

Reverend Brethren,

In accordance with the duty imposed upon me, I lay before your Reverend body a concise report of my journey and labors in the missionary field of our brethren in the West. After having upon the 16th of August received in Lancaster, from the respective committee of affairs, my instructions and being dismissed by my beloved brethren, I started on the 17th for Pittsburg and the northern part of Ohio, towards Indiana, there to commence my work. The work which I had undertaken laid heavy upon my heart. An entire stranger in this country, but particularly informed by means of written accounts of the religious relations here existing, a novice in my office, and what was worst of all, knowing myself to be weak in faith, how could I enter upon the work which required a *whole* christian, but with fear and trembling! This was my comfort, that the Lord is sufficiently strong to use each instrument that he calls to the glorification of his name, and that at least, though in much weakness, I could say to the dear souls, that there is a dear Saviour here, who had shed his blood for them and now as an exalted Redeemer and Prince granteth repentance and forgiveness of sins, to those purchased with a price. Here also I cannot refrain from thanking the dear brethren in Pennsylvania and Ohio, who quickened and encouraged my heart not a little, by their friendly reception given to me.

On account of the great heat and my not being accustomed to riding, my journey went but slowly, so that I arrived only September 10th, in Lima, Allen county, Ohio. I did not think of remaining here, but the urgent request of a German whom I met in Lima, not to pass by a neighbouring settlement, who although they were longing to hear the preaching of the forgiveness of sins, had never been visited by a minister of our connexion, induced me to remain a week in the neighborhood. I was received with great joy and preached four days in succession, and having been earnestly importuned, celebrated the Lords supper with 19 persons. During this time an invitation had been twice extended to me by another settlement, four miles northward in Putnam county. After administering the Lords supper and two baptisms, I departed and preached yet the same evening to a considerable congregation, and also the

two following days, and here also I celebrated the Lords Supper, with 17 persons, according to their request. Previous to this I confirmed a young man (who had been instructed, but his confirmation had been hindered) after I had been convinced of his knowledge and his love of the Lord. After the Lords Supper I baptized eleven children and a married woman. The next morning after I had returned to the first settlement, and as I was about going with Mr. Hugs, who had during the time received me very kindly into his house, to another settlement, four miles south of Lima at Haycreek, I had the pleasure of baptizing a grown young woman, whom I had already noticed on account of her marked attention. Yesterday she was too fearful to come forward to be baptized, though she desired it, but afterwards had no rest till she had set out with her attendant. She had learned to know the Lord at an earlier period, but had not an opportunity of being baptized.

As I hope this, was for me and for that congregation a blessed time. Yes, I entertain the cheering thought, that the Lord has many a soul here, that knows him as his Redeemer and loves him as such. I afterwards often thought of these dear souls, when I had the most melancholy evidences of the indifference of sinners towards their Redeemer. They were mostly emigrants newly arrived from Germany, in the beginning of their difficult work, hindered much in going on, on account of sickness, but they had time enough each day to hear the preaching of the cross of Jesus, the night was not too dark, nor the road too long and fatiguing. They also promised me to organize themselves into congregations, and to assemble themselves together on the Lords day to be edified from the word of God and by the reading of a sermon. I request the reverend Synod to have reference to these congregations on the sending out of missionaries.

After the baptism I rode off and preached the same evening at the above mentioned settlement. It is said there are in the neighborhood of Lima, other German settlements and this would be a favorable place for a faithful laborer of the Lord, who had more reference to souls than to earthly reward; who would be satisfied during the first years with little (but according to the Apostle Paul by all means a sufficiency.) As I had heard of many Germans living in Mercer county, I resolved to visit them in my journey, but heard on 1st of May, that brother Meyer had already taken charge of several congregations and that the remainder had just secured a preacher, whose name I could not ascertain. I took a north easterly direction towards Adams county, Indiana, and came on the 20th to a large German settlement, 15 miles south of Fort Wayne, at St. Marys river, most of these consisting of Germans that had lately emigrated to this country. The Lord had lately severely chastened them in the death of their dearly beloved pastor, brother Hoover, who has fallen asleep happily in the Lord, who published

the word of life in sincere love to the Lord and with apostolic zeal here and the congregation at Fort Wayne. The ways of the Lord with his church are unfathomable, and from human eyes it is hidden, why at so early a period, he has called such a faithful and worthy laborer from the field, in which such an exceedingly great work remains to be done. In these two congregations I remained till October 2d, preached here and also to some families at the Miame river, 8 miles east of Fort Wayne visited the sick, baptized, &c. The congregations wished to retain one as their preacher, which was afterwards granted them by your esteemed committee. Without whose permission, I did not think myself priviledged to remain longer in Fort Wayne and went north eastwardly towards Eckhart county. From this time I met with disease in a more terrible form than I had met with it heretofore, in the western part of Ohio, and I scarcely met a family in which more or less were not afflicted. Would to God they had in these afflictions known him, who in all his providential dispensations desires to bring us to the true Physician; alas I made the mournful discovery of the contrary. In Benton where there are nearly 40 families of Germans, I could not get more of a congregation than 12 persons to whom I might preach. Here I had preached for about six weeks; some time since, a certain Schlabach, a cooper by trade, but after he had been dishonourably chastised by certain people, on account of his shameful treatment of his wife, left the place, to the benefit of the congregation. I met with the traces of this uncalled preacher in several other congregations, not far from Lafayette, in Tippecanoe county, endeavored to find him but only obtained the information, that he had gone further West. This increases the evil, that men of this stamp disgrace our office and make the word of life despicable in the eyes of the people.

The people of Benton desired me to visit them again as they wished to form a congregation. Between Eckarstown and Southbend I met many Germans. Brother Kohler had visited them in his journey. They had a desire to form themselves into congregations; I preached in the neighborhood of Eckartstown and several miles further West in Harris' prairie, promised God willing, to come in eight days again and make in the meanwhile a journey through Southbend and Laporte, to Michigan city, but found no Germans, members of our church, except a few in Southbend and money and time, alas, were spent in vain in this journey. On the 12th of October on my return I preached at Southbend, where I had before left a notice, before six hearers, of whom I myself had invited three, the previous evening and the same morning. Information was not given to the people generally, several of whom we met on our way, did not think that they had time to attend church. On the 13th I preached in Harris' prairie, and on the 14th to the congregation at Eckartstown. In both congregations I was re-

quested to preach to them another Sunday, that they might then form themselves into congregations. Whilst I met with some that were very indifferent I found, the Lord be praised, with most of them a joy in the gospel, a great desire for a minister, and much interest and attention during public worshhip. The same I also met with in Mottville, Michigan, where I preached on the 16th. Many expressed their satisfaction, once again to have heard the precious gospel in the German language, and upon the following day, when I visited as I had done the day before, several scattered, principally sick families, a man confessed to me with many tears, that the word of life had anew revived him, had made his heart again light and joyful amid his trials and strengthened his courage, through the love of the Saviour, which he felt to be found out anew. Upon tears, in general I place little dependence because they are mostly ambiguous witnesses of the operation of the divine word, but when they proceed from a heart evidently honest, not of a novice in the faith, but of a sheep long since found, which finds itself again lying anew in the bosom of the Saviour, then are they precious before God, and a balm to the heavy heart of the minister, who experiences more sorrow on his way, than real joy arising from his relation to his fellow-men. After I had, upon the 17th, baptized several children in the neighborhood of Mottville, I started for Bertrand, west of Mottville, not far from Lake Michigan, the inclement weather, which had commenced several days already with snow, rain and storm, and the again recurring cases of sickness, a severe attack of which had been prevented during my entire journey, by the grace of the Lord, made indeed the travelling burdensome, but in Bertrand I was richly repaid by meeting with one soul that hungered for the bread of life. The dear brother expressed his strong desire for the reception of the Lords Supper. I promised to administer it to him and his daughter the following morning and previous to this in extremely unpleasant weather rode to Niles, a very promising town five miles from Bertrand, visited there several Germans, but could get no congregation together and rode back to Bertrand. Information was given me but at too late a period, that there were several German families of our church six miles north of Niles.

On the 21st, I was again permitted to preach to the dear people at Eckartstown—The Lord be praised, they were willing to form themselves into two congregations, the one at Harris' prarie, with which the families of South Bend might connect themselves, and the other consisting of families in, and in the neighborhood of Eckartstown. In the former Mr. Wagner was chosen, in the latter Mr. Kellerman, to superintend affairs till the election of church councils. May the Lord send to these congregations, before long, a faithful Shepherd. Rejoicing in the grace of the Lord on account of this work, I set out for a German settlement at Yellow

river, 17 miles south of Southbend, visited here again the families with whom I had at an earlier period become acquainted, baptized a child in Mischawaka, and reached the settlement on the 22d. The most of the families, nearly all German, were sick, still upon the ensuing day I had a considerably large and attentive congregation. Those that were not detained in bed, by sickness, even old people, dreaded not the bad road of several miles, nor the cold rainy weather, but started off to hear, many of them for the first time since they had left their homes, the blessed word of the forgiveness of sins. This settlement is quite a large one and notwithstanding the sickness, which prevented many from coming, I had here one of the largest congregations, and baptized seven children. Their desire for a minister is great, but their means are yet small, yet I confidently hope, the Lord will also graciously regard them, before they shall have sunk into indifference; if possible they must be drawn to the above mentioned congregational union. The following day I started for Carrol county, via Logansport. According to accounts which had been given me before, I had expected to meet in my journey, several Germans, members of our connexion, but met with no settlement before I arrived at Delphi. Here also the prospect was poor, as not more than six persons in the town understood German. Upon my remark that there were Germans here, I received for answer, "these belong to no church." On this account I considered preaching the more necessary for the dear German brethren, I hunted them up, met with a very discouraging reception from some, yet I succeeded in getting together in the evening a considerable congregation, from several families, and the word according to the outward appearance, manifested its accustomed power upon the heart. I was able after the sermon to speak with them a long time concerning my dear Saviour and my earnest request to them to hallow the sacred day of the Lord, by means of united worship, rather than to desecrate it in taverns, was cheerfully received and acceded to with the promise to follow my counsel. The Lord grant that they may keep their promise. The fewest of them were nevertheless willing to remain there over the Winter. In Lafayette, Tippecanoe county, I found some Germans, but no desire for the word of God, I therefore rode several miles further to a settlement at Wild Cat. Here and in the neighboring settlements, brother Kohler also preached, and the people spoke well of his activity and zeal. In the neighborhood of Fayette, would also be a suitable place for a minister, as six congregations, in Tippecanoe, Fountain, Montgomery and Clinton counties, do not lie far apart. They have also made an effort to unite themselves and Mr. Eisele of Sugarcreek, one mile from Americus, had promised a missionary of another Synod a lot in the neighboring village, worth then $150, if he himself should come back or send another. This man generously refused the offer, purchased the lot

for $20, did not return himself, neither sent another, but kept the lot. Mr. Eisele is still compelled to hear the jibes of the people, on account of it, cares but little about them, and has again written for a preacher, as he is certain that he would be supported there. But it is a meancholy thing that the desire of this people to have a pastor should have so sadly failed. They promised to write to me in reference to the result of their efforts. I preached in the neighboring congregations and baptized several children. One congretion at the middle Fork of the Wild Cat, I did not visit, as I had in the first place received wrong information in reference to it; and afterwards the time did not permit me, as I was expected at Fort Wayne. Fountain county was the western and Montgomery county, the southern points that I had visited. Upon my return I preached in Clinton county, at Sugarcreek, to a congregation, which brother Hendel of Lebanon, had visited several times, as also in Frankfort. From this I went by way of Logansport, Peru and Huntingdon at Wabash canal, back to Fort Wayne, where I had promised to preach on the 18th of November. I have determined, when it shall be in my power, to pass through the county between Fort Wayne and Peru in Cass county, and have therefore left information of my intention with some well disposed people. In Fort Wayne I received the answer of your respected committee, that I might remain there, but still be regarded as the missionary of your reverend body. In such a relation I could not be of service either to the congregations or to the Synod, and therefore I again wrote back to ascertain whether you would dismiss me or retain me as your missionary, for in this case these congregations must look out for another minister. During the return of the answer I preached in Fort Wayne and neighborhood, in the above mentioned congregations in Adams county, in Decatur and to some families at Cedar Creek, 12 or 15 miles north of Fort Wayne.

On the third of December I again wished to set out, to visit in person the congregations in Benton, Mottville and Eckartstown, but my horse having in my former journey sprained his foot, was at this time so lame that I could not get off till after Christmas. After I had administered the Lords Supper at Christmas to the congregation in Adams county, and at New Year in Fort Wayne, I started on the second of January to the above mentioned congregations. But upon the first day of my journey, my horse became so lame that I had to leave him upon the road and visit the congregations on foot. In Benton I found a larger congregation than I did on the former occasion and baptized nine children. After worship the people united in electing one Elder, Mr. Butt, and two wardens, Mr. Stœver and Mr. Wentz, and when I returned, 37 families had united in the congregation, they hope to bring together forty. I hope that your respected committee, when this matter is laid before them, will provide them with a suitable minister. After worship

with a heart filled with gratitude to the Lord, I set out, remained over night in Goshen, visited two German families and baptized a child. At night I became sick, but as the congregation at Eckartstown was waiting for me, I had to proceed. The Lord gave me strength, notwithstanding my indisposition, to make the journey, to preach the same day, to attend to the preparatory service, to administer the Lords Supper to 18 persons and to baptize six children. Through these exertions my sickness increased, so that I was confined two days and as I had promised to preach upon my return, 10 miles back of Wolf Lake to some families and yet felt myself too weak, I therefore could not visit either the congregation at Harris' prarie, nor that at Mottville. It is said that in the neighborhood of Mottville, there are so many members of our congregation, that they alone will require the services of a minister. I was very sorry indeed that I could not inform myself of the true state of things there existing; the Lord willing I shall visit them in a short time and give you information concerning them.

This is the field which I visited, upon which I laboured; it is small, but sufficiently large to fill my soul with deep sorrow, on account of the condition of our German brethren and of our church —This is mournful in every respect. A great part of these that have emigrated here from the Eastern States, so long deprived of public worship and of the holy sacraments, are so miserably cold and hardened, or as they say, "accustomed to this state of things," that a missionary, *as such*, is in general received with a great deal of indifference; even those who were recommended to me, *as feeling members of churches*, were any thing else than alive. Often, as in the neighborhood of Logansport, I could not prevail upon the people to convey information to their neighbors, though they did not live more than two miles distant. Encouragement to preach I received but seldom; desire after it I found but little; on the contrary the conviction often forced itself upon my mind: "the people would rather have you several miles away, if they could only get rid of you with a good grace, for the precious valuable time is lost again in attending a place of worship; we have lost enough already through sickness." Those that hunger and thirst after righteousness, generally attach themselves to other denominations, on account of which I had to rejoice with painful feeling, as it tended to the shame and injury of my denomination, which has not as much love among its members as to assist their brethren, whilst others are not satisfed to hold fast to these old members, by sending out a sufficient number of preachers, but constrained by love to dying souls, have means sufficient to extend their borders.

The after part, viz: those that have within a few years emigrated from Germany are in a worse condition; in many settlements they do not understand the English at all, and are therefore orphans indeed. This want with which they at first meet, or which they

can escape only by means of persevering efforts, alas, permits them to forget that they have the word of God in their houses and at least can read it, afterwards they are in this melancholy state. Yes I have at least, most generally seen, that when present at the singing and preaching in the beloved mother tongue, the heart has been quickened and the eye moistened, and many who in Germany did not value their spiritual privileges here, where they were entirely cut off from them, they have often been moved by the preaching, have been convinced of the entire emptiness and nothingness of man's living without God, without the Redeemer, without spiritual intercourse with the invisible world, and many a sigh have I heard after worship. "O that we might be so happy, as eventually to obtain a minister, could we hear but a few times during the year, the word, and partake of the Lords Supper," and a look upon their children without instruction (which to the Germans, the Lord be praised, is yet intolerable) makes them doubly sorrowful. In short their condition is melancholy and their wants are many. A part of them is dead, and alas! feels this unspeakable misery no more, the other lies in the pangs of death, is occasionally stirred up again, feels its fearful condition, but is like to a man perishing in the snow, falling asleep amid his efforts and thus sleepeth the sleep of death.

He that says "I have no fear for those that are hungry, for they have the Lord and his word," knows not yet his heart, knows not of what nature the heart of a sinner is, who is conceived and born in sin. O that the Lord might blow upon the dead bones of our church, the spirit of life! We inveigh much with mouth and pen against the Universalists. How else could it be possible, that a denomination so strong, and in many parts as rich as the Lutheran, could behold thousands of their brethren in the West, sleeping upon the brink of everlasting death, without being moved in a measure somewhat favorably, to rescue them from this lamentable condition. If each congregation should contribute but $3,00 annually for the support of missionaries, much under the blessing of the Lord might be accomplished. We must be ashamed before other societies and before the Lord. I fear that his declaration contained in John IX. 41, may have reference to us, for what advantage is it for us to glory in the clear light of the true doctrine, without life? And where is life, without love, not with words, but deeds? The Lord have mercy upon us and bless with a double portion of his spirit, your reverend body for the zeal with which you are affected for the salvation of the scattered brethren. May he make all his laborers active and faithful! Amen.

From September 10th, at which time I commenced my missionary labor, till January 11th, when I felt myself to be dismissed from the honourable and responsible commission of your committee, I organized three congregations, preached 58 times, baptized 68 children and two adults, confirmed one, administered the Lords Sup-

per to about 180 persons; married onecouple, buried one, and colected $16 50.

The congregations of Benton, Eckartstown and Harris' prairie, intended to send money after I left them, but have not yet done it.

With all respect,

Your brother

F. WYNECKEN.

In reference to the mission among the heathen, your committee have the honor to report, that the $500 which the society during its last annual session, resolved to send during the course of the year to Palamacotta, together with $250 from St. John's Church, was forwarded in the month of December last to brother Rhenius, through the branch of the Executive Committee in Philadelphia. By means of the letters of this brother now sleeping in the Lord, that appeared in the Kirchenzeitung and the Lutheran Observer, the church has been made acquainted with the condition of the mission. We should rejoice that an opportunity was granted us by means of this mission, of doing something for the propagation of the gospel among the heathen, and the committee hopes that the Society will this year continue and carry on the work with double zeal. Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the church, look upon us in mercy, and by means of our exertions and the exertions of all who endeavor to enlarge his kingdom, may the happy time be introduced when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the face of the deep!

WM. BÆTIS,
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